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POPULATION AND VITALS

TABLE 1 - QUEENSLAND POPULATION

Period	Estimated resident population '000	Natural increase(a) '000	Net migration			Increase during period	
			Interstate(b) '000	Overseas(c) '000	Total '000	Number '000	Proportion(d) %
2004							
Dec qtr	3,926.2	7.1	8.8	4.6	13.5	20.6	0.5
2005							
Sep qtr	3,980.8	6.3	6.1	4.4	10.5	16.8	0.4
Dec qtr	4,001.0	(e)7.6	7.8	4.8	12.6	(e)20.2	(e)0.5

(a) Excess of births over deaths.

(b) Estimates for interstate migration have been derived from the latest census data on interstate movement in the preceding one year and unidentified information on interstate changes of address advised to Medicare Australia in the process of administering Medicare.

(c) See Technical Note Measuring Net Overseas Migration in the 3101.0 link below.

(d) The increase during the period expressed as a proportion of the population at the beginning of the period.

(e) Births and deaths data for the December quarter 2005 have been adjusted. Any data used for analysis from births, deaths, natural increase or population growth for the December quarter 2005 should be used with caution. For further detail see paragraphs 8-14 of the Explanatory Notes of Australian Demographic Statistics, December quarter 2005 (cat. no. 3101.0).

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (cat. no. 3101.0).

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TABLE 2 - QUEENSLAND ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION(a) AT 30 JUNE

Statistical Division	2000	2004r	2005p	Change 2000-05(b)	Change 2004-05
	'000	'000	'000	%	%
Brisbane	1,619.3	1,777.7	1,810.9	2.3	1.9
Moreton	702.0	798.9	819.0	3.1	2.5
Wide Bay-Burnett	233.3	250.9	257.0	2.0	2.4
Darling Downs	207.4	218.8	222.5	1.4	1.7
South West	26.7	27.0	26.9	0.2	-0.2
Fitzroy	180.4	188.2	189.8	1.0	0.9
Central West	12.5	12.3	12.2	-0.5	-0.7
Mackay	136.3	143.9	147.4	1.6	2.4
Northern	187.3	201.2	205.6	1.9	2.2
Far North	222.2	235.2	238.5	1.4	1.4
North West	34.1	34.0	34.2	0.1	0.6
Queensland(c)	3,561.5	3,888.1	3,964.0	2.2	2.0

(a) Estimates use the 2005 edition of the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) (cat. no. 1216.0). Estimates for 2000 are final, based on results of the 2001 Census of Population and Housing, while those for 2004 are revised estimates and 2005 estimates are preliminary.

(b) Average annual growth rate.

(c) Including Off-Shore Areas and Migratory.

Source: Regional Population Growth, Australia and New Zealand (cat. no. 3218.0).

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EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

TABLE 3 - QUEENSLAND CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE STATUS(a)(b)

Period	Employed			Unemployed		Total labour force			Civilian population aged 15 years and over '000
	Full-time '000	Part-time '000	Total '000	Number '000	Unemployment rate %	Number '000	Participation rate %	Not in labour force '000	
ORIGINAL DATA									
2005									
May	1,405.2	569.3	1,974.5	108.1	5.2	2,082.6	66.4	1,054.8	3,137.5
2006									
Apr	1,429.5	576.6	2,006.1	101.6	4.8	2,107.6	65.8	1,094.1	3,201.7
May	1,452.6	570.7	2,023.3	103.7	4.9	2,127.0	66.3	1,080.5	3,207.4
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES(c)									
2005									
May	1,412.6	na	1,971.8	110.8	5.3	2,082.5	66.4	na	na
2006									
Apr	1,444.1	na	2,010.9	97.6	4.6	2,108.6	65.9	na	na
May	1,460.4	na	2,020.0	106.3	5.0	2,126.3	66.3	na	na
TREND ESTIMATES(c)									
2005									
May	1,428.9	na	1,986.3	101.9	4.9	2,088.2	66.6	na	na
2006									
Apr	1,443.9	na	2,012.2	105.5	5.0	2,117.7	66.2	na	na
May	1,448.9	na	2,016.4	104.6	4.9	2,121.0	66.2	na	na

na not available

(a) From February 2004, labour force estimates have been compiled using benchmarks based on results of the 2001 Census of Population and Housing.

(b) See Sampling errors in Labour Force Survey in Key Statistics Explanatory Notes below.

(c) Revisions in Seasonally Adjusted and Trend estimates are explained in the section 'Seasonal Adjustment and Trend Estimation' in the [Explanatory Notes of Labour Force, Australia](#) (cat. no. 6202.0).

For further information on changes to ABS labour force products see the following paper: [Information Paper: Changes to Labour Force Survey Products](#) (cat. no. 6297.0).

Source: Labour Force, Australia (cat. no. 6202.0).

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TABLE 4 - QUEENSLAND LABOUR FORCE(a) - EMPLOYEES BY INDUSTRY

Industry division	February 2005 '000	November 2005 '000	February 2006 '000
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Agriculture, forestry, and fishing	41.0	46.5	34.4
Mining	24.3	37.0	35.4
Manufacturing	182.4	166.5	169.4
Electricity, gas and water	12.4	20.8	18.5
Construction	133.4	134.8	138.6
Wholesale trade	76.2	68.5	74.1
Retail trade	292.1	295.4	281.6
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	92.1	97.1	98.3
Transport and storage	76.8	81.9	87.8
Communication services	24.1	25.1	22.7
Finance and insurance	47.8	51.2	47.4
Property and business services	166.0	176.5	185.9
Government administration and defence	89.2	86.8	92.6
Education	135.8	146.0	140.0
Health and community services	171.1	183.9	183.4
Cultural and recreational services	44.1	44.4	42.6
Personal and other services	59.6	62.9	67.7
Total all industries(b)	1,668.5	1,725.3	1,720.5

(a) Estimates have been revised using updated population benchmarks and incorporating a minor change to the definition of unemployed persons. Detail of these changes can be found in the following article; Australia's Labour Market Statistics, April 2004, Feature Article - Technical Report: Improvements to Labour Force Estimates (cat. no. 6105.0).

(b) Estimates have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

Source: Labour Force, Australia, Detailed - Electronic Delivery, Quarterly (cat. no. 6291.0.55.003).

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WAGES AND PRICES

TABLE 5 - QUEENSLAND AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES: TREND

Period	Males			Females			Persons		
	Full- time adult ordinary time earnings	Full- time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings	Full- time adult ordinary time earnings	Full- time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings	Full- time adult ordinary time earnings	Full- time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2005									
Feb	982.10	1,049.50	863.40	837.40	850.50	588.10	928.70	975.50	732.60
Nov	1,014.50	1,079.40	898.90	865.10	879.40	598.80	960.30	1,005.70	752.50
2006									
Feb	1,019.40	1,087.10	912.40	868.10	882.90	600.80	966.70	1,011.60	759.90

Source: Average Weekly Earnings, Australia (cat. no. 6302.0).

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TABLE 6 - CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(a), BRISBANE

Period	Food	Alcohol and tobacco	Clothing and footwear	Housing	Household contents and services(b)	Health	Transportation
2005							
Mar qtr	157.5	222.7	102.1	135.7	123.3	209.1	144.3
Dec qtr	160.8	227.8	104.6	139.7	124.8	207.5	151.4
2006							
Mar qtr	164.7	230.1	98.9	140.6	124.5	219.7	153.3

Period	Communication	Recreation	Education	Financial and insurance services(c)	All groups	All groups % change from previous quarter	All groups % change from same quarter previous year
2005							
Mar qtr	115.1	128.1	265.8	na	149.2	0.8	2.6
Dec qtr	112.4	127.6	266.7	100.9	152.1	0.8	2.8
2006							
Mar qtr	112.9	128.7	279.5	100.4	153.5	0.9	2.9

na not available

(a) Unless otherwise specified, base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0.

(b) Series renamed and change to composition (linked to 14th series equivalent), see Appendix 2 of [Consumer Price Index, September quarter 2005](#) (cat. no. 6401.0).

(c) Base: June quarter 2005 = 100.0.

Note: Analytical Living Cost Indexes for Selected Australian Household Types are compiled once a year after each June quarter release of this publication. The latest update of these series, to June quarter 2003, was released in the September 2004 issue of the Australian Economic Indicators (cat. no. 1350.0). A link to this article can be found in Related Links on the [ABS CPI web site page](#).

Source: Consumer Price Index, Australia (cat. no. 6401.0).

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BUILDING

TABLE 7 - QUEENSLAND BUILDING ACTIVITY(a)(b)(c), ORIGINAL

Period	Dwellings completed(d)			Value of building work completed				
	New houses no.	New other residential buildings no.	Total(e) no.	New houses \$m	New other residential buildings \$m	Non-residential building \$m	Total(f) \$m	Value of work done in period(g) \$m
2004								
Dec qtr	6,714	2,941	9,663	1,353.1	568.9	995.5	3,167.1	3,362.9
2005								
Sep qtr	6,222	3,452	9,694	1,330.4	847.5	1,004.2	3,466.7	3,719.4
Dec qtr	6,912	3,332	10,270	1,464.2	716.9	1,085.0	3,557.5	3,789.6

(a) The scope of building activity includes all new residential buildings; alterations and additions to residential buildings with an approval value of \$10,000 and over; and non-residential building (including alterations and additions to existing buildings) with an approval value of \$50,000 and over.

(b) Data are inclusive of non-deductible GST payable on residential buildings. See paragraphs under '[GST on Building Activity](#)' at bottom of page.

(c) Some data items have been revised. For further information, see notes in the latest issue of **Building Activity, Australia** (cat. no. 8752.0).

(d) Including alterations, additions and conversions.

(e) Including dwellings created as a result of alterations and additions.

(f) Including alterations and additions (valued at \$10,000 and over) to residential buildings, which are not shown in the foregoing columns.

(g) Including building work that is uncompleted during the period.

Source: Building Activity, Australia (cat. no. 8752.0).

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TABLE 8 - QUEENSLAND BUILDING APPROVALS(a)(b), ORIGINAL

Period	Dwelling units in new residential buildings			Value of all residential buildings			Value of all non-residential buildings
	Private sector no.	Public sector no.	Total no.	Private sector \$m	Public sector \$m	Total \$m	Total \$m
2005							
Apr	2,681	24	2,705	659.2	7.4	666.6	358.0
2006							
Mar	3,533	114	3,647	827.2	20.7	847.9	463.9
Apr	2,268	53	2,321	563.2	14.8	578.0	313.8

(a) The scope of building approvals includes all approved new residential building jobs valued at \$10,000 or more; all approved non-residential building jobs valued at \$50,000 or more; and approved alterations and additions valued at \$10,000 or more to residential buildings.

(b) Revisions to previously published statistics are included in the table.

Source: Building Approvals, Australia (cat. no. 8731.0).

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FINANCE

TABLE 9 - QUEENSLAND HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS (OWNER OCCUPATION), ORIGINAL(a)(b)(c)

Period	By purpose					By type of buyer			
						First home buyers		Non-first home buyers(d)	
	For purchase of newly constructed dwellings	For purchase of established dwellings	Total	For refinancing of established dwellings	Number of dwellings financed	Average borrowing size		Number of dwellings financed	Average borrowing size
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	\$'000		no.	\$'000
2005									
Apr	914	417	10,496	11,827	3,901	1,716	202.9	10,111	212.9

2006

Mar	1,021	560	13,153	14,734	4,133	2,781	217.6	11,953	220.2
Apr	890	488	10,102	11,480	3,266	2,198	214.1	9,282	223.2

(a) Excluding alterations and additions.

(b) Seasonal effects and non-seasonal volatility can cause fluctuations in data. Seasonally adjusted and trend figures can be used to take these fluctuations into account and are available on request.

(c) Revisions to previously published statistics are included in the table.

(d) Including refinancing.

Source: Housing Finance, Australia (cat. no. 5609.0).

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TRADE

TABLE 10 - VALUE OF INTERSTATE EXPORTS AND IMPORTS(a)(b), QUEENSLAND

Period	Total exports \$'000	Change from previous period %	Change from same qtr previous year %	Total imports \$'000	Change from previous period %	Change from same qtr previous year %
2005						
Mar qtr	2,090,807	-11.0	4.1	5,333,358	-18.4	-1.6
Dec qtr	2,585,849	10.0	10.1	5,688,532	1.2	-12.9
2006						
Mar qtr	2,180,087	-15.7	4.3	5,383,449	-5.4	0.9

(a) Interstate exports and imports are compiled using a classification based on the Standard International Trade Classification (Revision 3).

(b) In compiling the estimates of Interstate Trade for OESR, the ABS uses a partial coverage census based on businesses with more than \$400,000 of interstate trade. This collection is now under review due to frame and coverage issues. New businesses are not well represented, so the estimates are likely to be understated. The estimates are prepared for use in the compilation of Treasury's State Accounts and users should exercise strong caution in their independent use.

Source: Queensland Treasury, Office of Economic and Statistical Research (OESR).

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TABLE 11 - QUEENSLAND RETAIL TURNOVER BY INDUSTRY(a): ORIGINAL(b)

Period	Food retailing \$m	Department stores \$m	Clothing & soft goods retailing \$m	Household goods retailing \$m	Recreational goods retailing \$m	Other retailing \$m	Hospitality & services \$m	Total \$m
2005								
Apr	1,297.4	195.7	223.6	424.7	^156.5	328.2	548.4	3,174.6
2006								
Mar	1,386.6	218.6	224.2	499.9	^138.3	350.6	639.2	3,457.5
Apr	1,375.2	226.2	227.6	438.7	^142.4	339.2	622.0	3,371.2

^ estimate has a relative standard error of 10% to less than 25% and should be used with caution

(a) See paragraph 5 of the explanatory notes in Retail Trade, Australia (cat. no. 8501.0).

(b) Seasonal effects and non-seasonal volatility can cause fluctuations in data. Seasonally adjusted and trend figures can be used to take these fluctuations into account and are available in Retail Trade, Australia (cat. no. 8501.0).

Source: Retail Trade, Australia (cat. no. 8501.0).

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TOURISM

TABLE 12 - LICENSED HOTELS, MOTELS, GUEST HOUSES AND SERVICED APARTMENTS(a), QUEENSLAND

Period	Establish-ments no.	Guest rooms no.	Bed spaces no.	Room nights occupied '000	Room occupancy rate(b) %	Guest nights '000	Bed occupancy rate %	Guest arrivals '000	Takings from accomm-odation(b) \$'000
2004									
Dec qtr	1,010	55,473	170,636	3,432.1	67.3	6,999.8	44.6	2,563.3	427,385
2005									
Sep qtr	1,069	56,896	174,612	3,783.8	72.3	7,500.0	46.7	2,739.5	475,123
Dec qtr	1,069	57,127	175,723	3,556.9	67.8	7,128.6	44.2	2,602.3	461,511

(a) Comprising establishments with 15 or more rooms or units.

(b) Seasonally adjusted and trend figures are available for room occupancy rates and takings from accommodation in the data cube; Tourist Accommodation, Small Area Data, Queensland (cat. no. 8635.3.55.001).

Source: Tourist Accommodation, Australia (cat. no. 8635.0).

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Key Statistics Explanatory Notes

Sampling errors in Labour Force Survey

The estimates in **Labour Force, Australia (cat. no. 6202.0)** are based on a sample survey. Because the entire population is not enumerated, the published estimates and the movements derived from them are subject to sampling variability. Standard errors give a measure of this variability and appear on pages 27 and 28 of **Labour Force, Australia (cat. no. 6202.0)**.

The 95% confidence intervals below provide another way of looking at the variability inherent in estimates from sample surveys. The interval bounded by the two limits is the 95% confidence interval. A 95% confidence interval has a 95% chance of including the true value of the estimate.

MOVEMENTS IN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES BETWEEN APRIL AND MAY 2006 - QUEENSLAND

	Monthly change		95% Confidence interval	
Total employment	9,100	32,300	to	-14,100
Total unemployment	8,700	21,100	to	-3,700
Unemployment rate	0.4	1.0	to	-0.2

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GST on Building Activity

Within building activity statistics, purchasers of residential structures are unable to deduct GST from the purchase price. For non-residential structures, the reverse is true. While the ABS collects all building activity data on a GST inclusive basis, it publishes value data inclusive of GST in respect of residential construction and exclusive of GST in respect of non-residential construction.

It is appropriate to add the residential and non-residential components to derive total building activity. Valuation of the components of the total is consistent, since, for both components, the value data is recorded inclusive of non-deductible GST paid by the purchaser. As such, total building activity includes the non-deductible GST payable on residential building.

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